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DEPT. PASS TO DEPT. OF ENERGY - PAUL LOMBARDI

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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL GAS TURBINE CONFERENCE, LONDON,
APRIL 10-13: DISPLAY OF GAS TURBINE POWERED BUS

REF: US DEPT. OF ENERGY 102145Z (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL REQUESTED EMBASSY TO INFORM UK DEPT. OF
TRANSPORT AND OTHER INTERESTED BODIES THAT US DEPT. OF
ENERGY (DOE) WAS SPONSORING A DISPLAY OF A GAS TURBINE
POWERED INTERCITY GREYHOUND BUS AT THE SUBJECT CONFERENCE
AND THAT IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE
FOR DEMONSTRATION. EMBASSY INFORMED UK DEPT. OF TRANSPORT
AND DISCUSSED WAYS TO REACH PARTIES INTERESTED IN
THE BUS AS WELL AS WHAT REGULATIONS MIGHT AFFECT OPERATION
OF THE BUS. EMBASSY ALSO CONTACTED DEREK RAKE,
WEMBLEY CONFERENCE CENTER (TEL: 902-8833) WHERE THE
CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
MECHANICAL ENGINEERS IS TO BE HELD.

2. MR. RAKE SAID THAT HE HAD NOT YET BEEN INFORMED BY
THE CONFERENCE'S EXHIBITION DIRECTOR, JACK SAWYER,
24 WALNUT CT., HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28739, TEL: (704)
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693-0188, TELEX 899133 (WHITE EXPO) THAT THE BUS WOULD BE
COMING, BUT HE DID NOTE THAT DOE HAD RESERVED SEVERAL
BOOTHES INSIDE THE EXHIBITION CENTER AND ONE OUTSIDE AREA
20 FT. X 20 FT. THIS OUTSIDE AREA WOULD BE TOO SMALL FOR
THE BUS, BUT THE OUTDOOR EXHIBITION AREA HAS AMPLE
ADDITIONAL SPACE AND THE INTERIOR ROADS OF THE WEMBLEY
CENTRE'S 45 ACRES WOULD ALLOW FOR DEMONSTRATION RUNS.

HE OFFERED TO PUBLICIZE THE BUS ALONG WITH THE CONFERENCE
IF SUITABLE DETAILED INFORMATION OR PAMPHLETS COULD BE
MADE AVAILABLE.

3. UK DEPT. OF TRANSPORT FOUND NO PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN
IMPORTING AND OPERATING THE BUS PROVIDED NO FARE PAYING
PASSENGERS WERE CARRIED. NORMAL THIRD PARTY LIABILITY
INSURANCE WOULD BE REQUIRED. IT WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM
ROAD TAX FOR UP TO ONE YEAR AND DRIVER WOULD BE COVERED
BY HIS US LICENSE AS A VISITOR. NO IMPORT LICENSE WOULD
BE REQUIRED, BUT IMPORT DUTY WOULD HAVE TO BE DEPOSITED.
CUSTOMS REGULATIONS COVERING EXHIBITION ITEMS ARE BEING
SENT TO THE EMBASSY. THE BUS WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC
SERVICE VEHICLE REGULATIONS, BUT IT WOULD HAVE TO COMPLY
WITH UK CONSTRUCTION AND USE REGULATIONS, A COPY OF WHICH
IS BEING SENT TO THE EMBASSY, OR OBTAIN A WAIVER WHICH
CAN BE GRANTED BY THE DEPT. OF TRANSPORT. MR. D. E.
POLLEY OF THE VEHICLE STANDARDS ENGINEERING DIV.,
RM. C/19/10, UK DEPT. OF TRANSPORT, 2 MARSHAM ST.,
LONDON SW1, WOULD BE THE OFFICIAL TO CONSIDER A WAIVER,
AND HE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BUS, MOST
SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE BODY.

4. EVERYONE CONTACTED HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN THE BUS.
IT WOULD ASSIST THE EMBASSY IN MAKING FURTHER CONTACTS
TO HAVE A PAMPHLET OR INFORMATION SHEET WHICH WE COULD
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DISTRIBUTE. MOREOVER, OFFICIALS AT THE DEPT. OF
TRANSPORT AND THE LONDON TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE WOULD ALSO
BE INTERESTED IN DETAILS ABOUT THE EIGHT YEAR PROGRAM TO
USE GAS TURBINE BUSES IN INTERCITY AND URBAN TRANSIT
SERVICE.

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